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The United Nations General Assembly has designated **November 14th, 2008 as World Diabetes Day**. Nearly twenty-one million American children and adults have Type-1 (juvenile) and Type-2 diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure. Diabetes is the fifth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States and more than one third of the people with diabetes (6.2 million Americans) don't know that they have the disease. Millions of Americans lack access to the care, treatment, and education needed to manage the disease and prevent its serious and costly complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and lower-limb amputation. An increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before developing the disease and its devastating complications.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has worked for 25 years in LA County to raise awareness of Type-1 diabetes, support thousands of families with diabetes through the Family Support Network and raised millions of dollars for research. Internationally, JDRF has provided over one billion dollars in research funding for Type-1 (juvenile) diabetes, the largest non-profit contributor of diabetes research.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim **November 14th, 2008 as World Diabetes Day** to support the work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and encourage all Los Angeles County residents to help fight this disease and its life-threatening complications.

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